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Conditions around DeRussey's
Lane the night of the murder,
shots, etc.

Referring to memorandum from Mr. Pfeiffer that a Mrs. Barth, who lives near the Phillips Farm, had told Mrs. Dill of City Island, New York, that she had heard shots on the night of September 14, 1922, would advise that I have located the Mrs. Barth in question. She is Mrs. Minnie (wife of Theodore) Barth and at present resides at 512 South Second Avenue, Highland Park. Mrs. Barth informs me that at the time of the murder she was living about half a mile from the scene of the murder, her home being located on the Lane a short distance in from Easton Avenue. She claims that she and her family usually retired early at night and that she did not hear any shots on the night of the murder and didn't know anything about the affair until she read it in the newspapers.

In order to refresh her recollection, I called her attention to the fact that I understood she had told Mrs. Dill about having heard the shots. This she denied. She said that her acquaintance with Mrs. Dill was very slight, only having met her on one occasion, and she is positive that she did not tell her anything about it.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thompson